

West Virginia Teacher Named Outstanding Advanced Career Teacher by SREB

July 12, 2017 — Kimberly Cortines of Oak Hill High School in Oak Hill, West Virginia received the Excellence in Action Award for Outstanding Advanced Career Teacher from the Southern Regional Education Board at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, July 12.

Cortines has taught the Advanced Career Aerospace Engineering curriculum for two of her five years at Oak Hill. As a math teacher, she is used to hearing students ask when, in real-life, they will use the skills taught in her class. No longer. She's seen her students become highly engaged with the hands-on, relevant Advanced Career curriculum. Her students realize that this classroom environment is like that of universities and professional settings, and they embrace the opportunity to practice college- and career-presentation skills.

SREB's Advanced Career pathway programs prepare students for both college and career. The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education.

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